GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4774
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DISEASES BY INADEQUATE SANITATION HYGIENE AND WATER SUPPLY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to WHO, nearly one million people in India die every year due to diseases caused by inadequate sanitation, hygiene and water supply;

(b) if so, whether the Government have gone through WHO`s World Water Commission report in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the further reaction of the Government on such remarks made by WHO?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) WHO Representative in India has stated that they have no information regarding the alleged death of one million people in India due to inadequate sanitation, hygiene and water. They have stated that there is no `WHO World Water Commission Report` but there is `World Water Vision Commission Report`. This report also does not appear to have a reference to deaths in India.

(b)to (d) Do not arise in view of above.